(b) On the basis of the monthly per capita quantities of consumption reported in the National Sample Survey 61st Round Report on "Household Consumption of Various Goods and Services in India, 2004-05" and the population projections given by the office of the Registrar General of India, the total quantum of foodgrains required by Bihar during 2006-07 is estimated at 17.33 million tonnes which includes seed, feed and wastage. Bihar's requirement of foodgrains in 2020-21 is estimated at 20.62 million tonnes.

Dairy development

†610. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is immense potential in dairy development in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is immense potential in dairy development in the country. The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries implemented the following four dairy development schemes during the Tenth Five Year Plan:-

1. Intensive Dairy Development Programme.
2. Assistance to Cooperatives.
3. Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production.
4. Dairy/Poultry Venture Capital Fund.

All the above dairy development schemes are being continued during 2007-08 and also proposed to be continued during rest of the Eleventh Plan period.

Purchase of wheat by FCI

†611. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of wheat is over 74 crore tonnes this year;

(b) what was the target fixed for wheat purchase by the Food Corporation of India this year;

(c) whether that target has been achieved;

(d) if so, the total quantity of wheat purchased by the Food Corporation of India; and

(e) if not, the reasons for less purchase of wheat?

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